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REGULATE 1951 COTTON PRICES, BONUSES; CRITICIZE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH WORK

GIVE PREMIUMS FOR HIGH YIELDS -- Budapest, Magyar Mezogazdasag, Vol VI, No 19, 1 Oct 51

Under a resolution of the National Economic Council, the 1951 cotton crop is to be graded according to quality and moisture content. The maximum water content for the best grade is 9 percent and for the lowest grade 14 percent. The prices range from 200 to 1,200 forints per quintal and are paid on delivery. For cotton containing over 14 percent moisture a deduction is made.

In addition to the official price, the producer also receives a premium amounting to 30 percent of the price for that part of the crop exceeding the yield of 2.5 cadastral yokes, 60 percent exceeding 3.5 cadastral yokes, and 100 percent exceeding 4.5 cadastral yokes.

The producer also receives coupons entitling him to purchase 5 meters of flannel at a preferential price and 10 kilograms of oil cakes per 100 kilograms of cotton delivered.

2 RESEARCH CENTERS FAIL, NEW AGENCY SET UP -- Budapest, Magyar Mezogazdasag, Vol VI, No 24, 31 Dec 51

The MTK (Mezogazdasagi Tudomanyos Kozpont, Agricultural Scientific Center), which was established in 1949 was engaged in correlating the activities of agricultural research and experimental establishments. During its short existence, however, the MTK proved inadequate for the task. It was confronted with two basic problems: the introduction of Michurin's doctrines into research, which had been conducted along capitalistic Mendel-Morgan theories, and the creation of large-scale research units.

To meet these problems, two agencies were organized in March 1950: the Agroscientific and Biology Department of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, for the conduct of scientific coordination in agriculture, and the MKK (Mezogazdasagi Kiserletugyi Kozpont, Agricultural Research Center) under the Ministry of Agriculture, for the continuity of research activities.

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Under the guidance of the MKK, 19 research institutes operating ten research farms and 20 independent research farms employing 430 researchers, 200 research assistants, and 205 other workers were established. The research farms have a combined area of 50,000 cadastral yokes.

Despite liberal dotation of these research activities, practical application of scientific work, even on the research farms, has been unsatisfactory. As a result, the MKK has been discontinued and its activities taken over by the Experimental and Propaganda Department of the Ministry of Agriculture. At the same time, a new agency, KIGI (Kiserletugyi Gazdasagi Igazgatosag, Experimental Farm Directorate), has been created in the Ministry of Agriculture for the financial guidance of agricultural research and experimental establishments.

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